



State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Prescribed Fire Training 2010 AEU/Westover Airport		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Westover Airport, Ridge Rd X Hwy 49, Sutter Hill, CA Township 6N; Range 11E; Sec. 17&18 MDBM, Amador City Quad	<b>COUNTY</b>	Amador
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves field training exercises for CAL FIRE and cooperating Amador County Fire Department employees to improve proficiency for planning and administering prescribed fire operations and to reduce fuel hazards around the airport tarmac. Such hazards include reduced visibility and foreign objects debris adjacent to the airport tarmac. The grass and short brush (< 3 feet) will be removed to construct a hand-built fire line along the northwestern boundaries and in spot locations around the other project boundaries, many of which have pre-existing barriers such as tarmac or gravel. Approximately 2,700 lineal feet of 2-foot wide handline will be constructed to contain the prescribed burn. The training exercise will take place on the CAL FIRE Sutter Hill Station and the Westover Airport in Amador County on properties of the County or State. Minimal soil disturbance will occur. No watercourses exist on or adjacent to the property, hence no activity will take place in the stream buffer zones and there will be no stream crossings constructed. No known occurrences or habitat of threatened, rare or endangered species occur in or adjacent to the project area. No activity will take place on any steep pitches over 50% in slope or when soils are saturated.

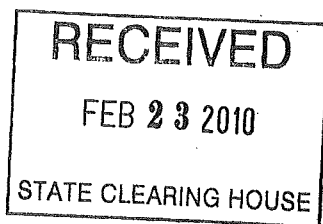
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 14 CCR §15304 Minor Alterations to Land;  
7 14 CCR §15307 Protection of Natural Resources
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The project involves only minor alterations to the existing conditions of the land by constructing approximately 2700 lineal feet of hand-built fire line in order to prevent a fire escape during training exercises. Project timing is estimated to be between April 1 and June 1, 2010. The Unit Environmental Coordinator has completed an environmental review including consultations for (1) biologic resources with the California Department of Fish and Game (Biologist consultation and Natural Diversity Database review), (2) cultural resources with the listed tribes in Amador County, the North Central Information Center and the CAL FIRE Archaeologist in Fresno, CA, and (3) aquatic resources with the CA Department of Water Resources. This review indicated that the project is exempt and no special circumstances or sensitive areas will be adversely affected. Documentation of the environmental review is on file at CAL FIRE's Alpine-Amador-El Dorado-Sacramento Unit Headquarters in Camino, CA. No significant environmental impact is anticipated from this project.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director

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